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...ESH...
...T THE
...ELL IS
...ONNO'S
...OBLEM?
IT'S LIKE
I'VE FALLEN FOR IMAIZUMI.
WHAT'S WITH THIS REACTION?

THAT THOSE TWO COULD BECOME SO CLOSE WITHOUT MY KNOWING MAKES ME A LITTLE ILL.
I GOT JEALOUS OF THE VICE PRESIDENT.
SO...
HER ALARM WAS GOING OFF.
MORN-ING.
HEY, IS YOUR SISTER OUT OF BED?
GOOD MORNING, RYUHEI!
AND... HEY!
RYUHEI, YOU'RE USING MY HAIR CLIPS AGAIN!
DARN IT, WHY DO I ALWAYS OVERSLEEP?
BUT THAT ALSO MIGHT BE JUST BECAUSE I GET A BAD IMPRESSION FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT.
...YEAH.
JUST A FEW

CALM DOWN. LET'S THINK THIS THROUGH.
IT'S TRUE THAT I LIKE IMAIZUMI WELL ENOUGH.
IF HE HADN'T INVITED ME, I WOULDN'T EVER HAVE JOINED THE STUDENT COUNCIL.
I THINK IF I COULD BE THE PERSON THAT IMAIZUMI COULD ASK ANYTHING OF...
THAT WOULD MAKE ME HAPPY.

...

I GREETED HIM NORMALLY WITHOUT THINKING.
IF WE TALK ABOUT IT NOW..
I WAS OFFENDED THAT HE GOT ANGRY AND WENT HOME, BUT...
THIS IS REALLY AWKWARD, SOMEHOW
I DID HAVE A REALLY AWFUL ATTITUDE MAYBE I OUGHT TO APOLOGIZE..?
IS IT BECAUSE OF THE ODD WAY WE PARTED YESTERDAY...?

IT'S RYUHEI OHNO AND KUNI-CHAN!
OH!!
HEY, UM ABOUT YESTERDAY...
EH?

THAT'S ALL IT IS.
I'M SURE OF IT...

...SURE IS YOUR HOME IS PAST THE TRAIN STATION, RIGHT?
IT'S THE FIRST TIME WE'VE MET IN THE MORNING, HUH?
...MORNIN'.
GOOD MORNING, OHNO.
YEAH.
O...

WHA?
ALREADY CORRUPTED, HUH...
SIGH
YOU'RE ALREADY HAVING SUCH BLAND REACTIONS...
KUNI-CHAN...

HAVE YOU GOTTEN USED TO BEING IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL?
WELL? HOW ARE YOU TWO DOING?

BUT WITH OHNO, THERE'S TWO OF US.
IF I HAD BEEN ALONE THEN I THINK I MAY HAVE BEEN RATHER LOST,
YOU WEREN'T FRIGHTENED BY GETTING ASSIGNED TO SUCH A DIFFICULT POSITION?

WHAT'S THIS?
YOU GUYS EVEN GO TO SCHOOL TOGETHER?
SUCH GOOD FRIENDS~
MORNING! ♡
PRESIDENT... AND SUMIYOSHI-SAN.
GOOD MORNING

U...
HMM...

NO, WE JUST RAN INTO EACH OTHER...
BUT YOU AND SUMIYOSHI-SAN ARE ALWAYS TOGETHER, AREN'T YOU?
THIS MORNING WE GREETED THE DAWN FROM THE SAME BED AGAIN ♡
WELL, YOU KNOW -
IS THAT SO...

ARE THINGS GOING WELL WITH NOZE?
YESTERDAY IT LOOKED LIKE YOU AND HE WERE CHATTING ABOUT ALL SORTS OF THINGS, EVEN AFTER THE MEETING.
NOZE-SEMPAI ALSO KNOWS THE UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR
SO WE TALKED
THAT WE PUT OUT AS A CANDIDATE.
HMN?
NOZE CERTAINLY DOES HAVE A LIKING FOR THAT SORT OF BOOKISHNESS...
"BOOKISH" IS A LITTLE...
AND YOU, YUHEI OHNO?
ARE YOU GETTING ALONG WELL WITH NOZE?
I'M NOT,
ALL THAT CLOSE TO HIM.
HMMN...
IS THAT SO?

...YEAH.
I WAS ACTING REALLY AWFUL.
SORRY.
I JUST SORT OF BLEW UP.
WELL, I...
THEN, WHAT YOU WERE SAYING YESTER-DAY...
SAY, OHNO...?
COULD IT BE THAT YOU DON'T REALLY LIKE NOZE-SEMPAI?
カタ...
CLING

HEY, OHNO
I WAS PLANNING ON STOPPING BY THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM AND THEN HEADING HOME.
WHY?
THERE'S NO NEED TO UNTIL AFTER THE END OF MIDTERMS, RIGHT?
OH...
SO, YOU'RE NOT GOING?
YEAH.
NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, WE WERE TALKING ABOUT NOZE-SEMPAI RIGHT BEFORE OHNO GOT PISSED OFF.
MAYBE THAT'S GOT SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT.
..I SEE
IT SEEMED LIKE HE HAD NO REAL DRIVE TO JOIN THE STUDENT COUNCIL FROM THE BEGINNING.
AND HE REJECTED THE OFFER ONCE..
I WONDER IF IT WAS WRONG OF ME TO ASK HIM SO FORCEFULLY...
TOTTER
TOTTER

HUH?
OKAY...
CLASS IS STARTING.
I'M GOING ON AHEAD.
BYE THEN!
SAY,
ERE'S PLACE O LIKE O GO O...

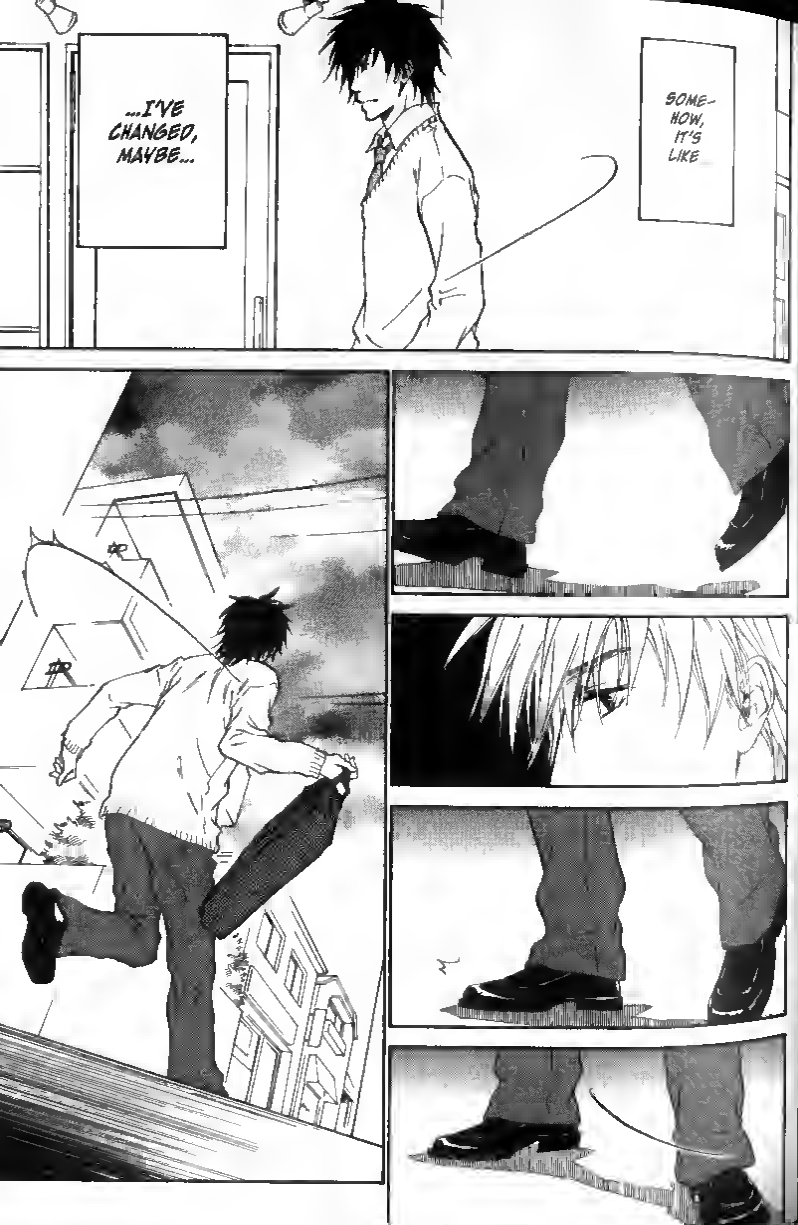
HMPH
...EH?

IT'S JUST THAT...
...BEING WITH OHNO WAS RATHER REASSURING
SWING
EVEN IF THERE ISN'T ANY WORK, IMAIZUMI AND THE VICE PRESIDENT SEEM TO HAVE SIMILAR HOBBIES
THEY CAN HAVE FUN CHATTING.
URRGH...
BESIDES, EVEN IF I DID GO THERE'S NO IMPORTANT WORK TO DO.
STARTING THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW, IT'S ALL JUST TESTS, RIGHT?
TALK ABOUT A FAITHFUL GUY...

MEANIE!
HAHAHA! THE LAST TIME WE MET, I HADN'T HIT MY GROWTH SPURT YET.
YEAH.
THOUGH I HAD HEARD YOU'D GOTTEN TALLER.
WHA...?
WHOA!
I'M SORRY! I TOTALLY DIDN'T NOTICE...!
AND YOU'RE AS CUTE AS EVER. ♡
YOU'VE GOTTEN PRETTY COOL.

...!
KANAME-SAN?!
HUH?
RYUHEI... KUN...?
...

HUH?
LIKE I THOUGHT, YOU'RE STILL WITH FURUYA-SAN?
YEAH...
YEAH, THA-...
WA-... OH, CRAP...!
BY THE WAY, KANAME-SAN
WERE YOU HEADED FOR THE VOLLEYBALL CLUB'S COACHING SESSION?
YEAH...
YOU AND HE-
HAVE GOTTEN PRETTY CLOSE, HUH?
WOW... I'M IMPRESSED!
BUT SOMEHOW I'M NOW STUCK WITH HELPING OUT THE STUDENT COUNCIL.
MY REPUTATION FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL HASN'T REALLY CHANGED MUCH.
I GUESS.
HOW ARE THINGS? HAVE YOU GOTTEN USED TO HIGH SCHOOL?
DID YOU HEAR THAT FROM SENSEI, BY ANY CHANCE?
HE'S BOASTING ALL OVER THE PLACE.
SPEAKING OF WHICH, YOU WERE AT THE TOP OF THE ENTRANCE EXAMS, RIGHT?
YOU'RE REALLY STANDING OUT.
WELL, MAYBE
REALLY, -SAN E REASON 'S BEEN KING HARD.
RYUHEI-KUN, YOU'VE REALLY BEEN WORKING HARD.


...I'VE CHANGED, MAYBE...
SOME-HOW, IT'S LIKE

HOW MANY MONTHS AGO WAS IT THAT KANAME-SAN REJECTED ME...?
IT'S A STRANGE FEELING.
AT THE TIME, I...
...WAS DEFINITELY PRETTY DEPRESSED. BUT...

HUH?
HUFF
OHNO?
HUFF
DID YOU FORGET SOME-THING?
DIDN'T YOU ALREADY LEAVE?
YOU SURPRISED ME
PUSH
ASH...
I WISH I COULD'VE WALKED HOME WITH OHNO.
...MAYBE I OUGHT TO JOIN ONE OF THE CLUBS.
IF THEY'RE GOING TO ACT LIKE IT'S BETTER THAT I DON'T SHOW UP...
SO THEY SHOOED ME OUT PRETTY QUICKLY.
THEY WERE ALREADY DONE DESIGNING THE HAND-OUTS.
WAGH!!

I...
...LIKE YOU
ALL OF A SUDDEN...
I WANTED TO SEE YOUR FACE.
HUH?

I SAID IT KIND OF FORCE-FULLY.
BUT THAT'S BECAUSE I MEAN IT.
WHA...?
OH!
I MEAN LIKE, IN THAT SENSE
BY 'LIKE', YOU MEAN...
IT WAS LIKE..
I JUST REALLY WANTED TO SEE YOUR FACE.
AND SEEING YOU MAKES ME STRANGE-LY HAPPY...
THAT SEN-...
WHY...?
UH
EVEN IF YOU ASK WHY...
I CAN'T REALLY EXPLAIN IT WELL.

AH...
SORRY...
WAAUGH!
WHAP
ば
WHAP

DON'T SPACE OUT AND GET OFF AT THE WRONG STATION.
WELL, I GOTTA SAY GOODBYE HERE.
HEH
THAT'S A NASTY REACTION

HEY, IMAI-ZUMI!

...IMAI-ZUMI.

THE TRAIN STATION.
YOU WALKED RIGHT PAST IT.

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G...
GOOD MORNING.
IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE HE'S REALLY LOOKING FOR A REPLY BUT...
CLATTER
...OHNO SAID THAT HE MEANT IT.
...DID I THINK HE'D CONFESS FEELINGS FOR ME!
HEY, IMAIZUMI!
GOOD MORNING!

ESCAPE
YESTERDAY OHNO TOLD ME HE LIKED ME.
YOU'RE AWFUL! YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SAID TO MEET ON THE THIRD TRAIN!
I'M REALLY SORRY! BUT I'M GLAD YOU WAITED FOR ME. ♡
SO I KNOW IT'S TRUE THAT HE FALLS FOR OTHER MEN
SO IT WAS KINSEI AFTER MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR HIM.
SORRY - I OVER-SLEPT!
HIS FIRST LOVE WAS A GUY
HE'D SAID SO HIMSELF, EARLIER.

I FIGURED
THAT'S WHAT YOU'D SAY.
I DON'T WANNA MAKE THINGS WEIRD BETWEEN US
?
SO I'D BETTER MAKE IT CLEAR TO HIM.
I'M SORRY.
I'M FLATTERED YOU FEEL THAT WAY
BUT I REALLY CAN'T EVEN THINK ABOUT GOING OUT WITH A GUY
PFFT.
I SEE YOU AS A FRIEND, OHNO, AND...
WHAT?
NO!
IT'S OKAY!
BUT...
I TOLD YOU THAT I LIKED YOU
DON'T FORGET IT, OKAY?
STRANGELY, HE'S TAKING THIS WELL.
OKAY.
...WHY'S HE ACTING LIKE THIS?
GRIN
SO DO YOU WANT TO WALK HOME TOGETHER AGAIN TODAY? ♡
HUH?

SCR-...
NO GOOD?
SCROOGE.
SCROOGE...?
LOOK, YOU--
OHNO...!
DO YOU REALLY HAVE TO BE THAT CLOSE TO STUDY THIS?

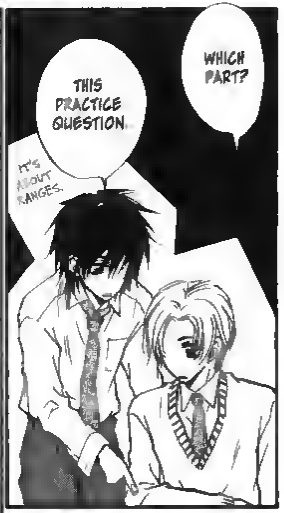
SO TODAY WE'LL BE CHANGING YOUR HOME-ROOM SEATING ASSIGNMENTS
WE'RE FINISHED WITH THE MIDTERM TESTING

I'M THE DEAD CENTER OF THE FIRST ROW.
WHAT? LUCKY.
WHERE ARE YOU, OHNO?
OH, I'M BEHIND KAWA-HARA
EH?
UH— THE FURTHEST BACK SEAT

HE SAID HE'S EATING WITH SOME CLASS-MATES IN THEIR ROOM TODAY.
OH.
CLATTER
DON'T YOU ALWAYS EAT WITH TODO FROM CLASS C?
HUH?
CAN I SIT RIGHT NEXT TO IMAIZUMI AND EAT WITH YOU GUYS?

CAN YOU HELP ME?
THERE'S THIS PART IN THE MATH ASSIGN-MENT I DON'T QUITE GET.
IMAIZUMI.

AH, RIGHT. YOU HAVE TO-...
OVER


WHICH PART?
THIS PRACTICE QUESTION.
IT'S ABOUT RANGES.

I'M SURE THAT HIS CONFESSION TO ME WASN'T A LIE.
BUT THIS LIGHT-HEARTED MOOD OF HIS..
HOW SHOULD I PUT IT...
I'M NOT THAT SNEAKY
I WAS JUST KIDDING
DON'T GET SO PISSED.

DID HE REALLY MEAN IT?

HUH?
IF SO, YOU GOT IT WRONG.
HE REJECTED ME.
CLATTER
I... IS THAT SO?
SORRY TO BRING IT UP, THEN.
HEY KAWA HARA, LET'S GO
THIS LOOKS BAD.
IMAIZUMI
RIGHT?
...
AND OHNO'S SENDING OUT SOME PRETTY OBVIOUS LOVE BEAMS AT YOU.
UMM...
JUST, THE TWO OF YOU HAVE BEEN ACTING WEIRD.
WH... WHY WOULD...
...YOU CAN SEE THAT?
LOVE BEAMS?
YEAH IT DOES.
IT SHOWS.
YOU MEAN ME AND IMAIZUMI?
EEEEE
I THOUGHT TO MYSELF, MAYBE THEY'RE DATING!
SO ANY-WAY!

LOOK, OHNO.
DID YOU REALLY MEAN IT...?
I MEANT IT.
WHY?
I TOOK YOU SERIOUSLY I MUST LOOK LIKE AN IDIOT
IF YOU REALLY MEANT IT THEN I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'D TAKE BEING REJECTED SO EASILY.
I'M RIGHT, AREN'T I?
YOU WEREN'T UPSET AT ALL BY MY ANSWER.
IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT.
HUH?!

I'M SURE IT'S NICE TO BE SO UNCONCERNED.
WHAT'S WITH THEM?
STEP
STEP
STEP
LOOKS LIKE THAT'S TRUE.
THEY SAID YOU'RE LETTING IT SHOW.
...IT'S LIKE YOU DON'T CARE AT ALL.
YOU DON'T LOOK UPSET.
HN... WELL
I'M NOT HIDING ANYTHING.
UH...
NO, THAT ISN'T REALLY...
IMAIZUMI, DO YOU POSSIBLY...
...NOT WANT ANYONE TO KNOW?

I'M NOT GOING TO GIVE UP...
JUST BECAUSE YOU TURNED ME DOWN.
BUT,
THAT'S HOW MUCH I MEAN IT.
WINCE
...!
O...OHNO...?
WAIT...
UH—
WHA?

...IMAIZUMI, LISTEN
IF YOU HADN'T GIVEN ME A RESPONSE, THEN I WOULD'VE BEEN TOTALLY DEPRESSED.
BUT YOU GAVE ME AN ANSWER, RIGHT?
I'VE STILL GOT HOPE.
SHOULD I PRESSURE YOU IN A MORE SERIOUS WAY?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SAYING.
YEAH. IT MADE ME HAPPY.
THAT'S...
I KNOW THAT.
NO... BECAUSE, LOOK-
I TOLD YOU, I CAN'T IMAGINE GOING OUT WITH ANOTHER GUY...
THAT'S WHY I THOUGHT I SHOULD GIVE YOU AN ANSWER.
BECAUSE YOU SAID YOU MEANT IT.

...WHA... CON...
A KISS ON THE MOUTH...
...SHOULD BE SOMETHING CONSENSUAL ♡
生物室
STUDENT COUNCIL
WHAT ABOUT THIS IS CONSENSUAL?!
DUMBASS!!
SLAM!!
HI
IF YOU CAN CLOSE YOUR EYES...
...MAYBE YOU ACTUALLY WANT THIS?
SMACK
O...
WHAT THE HELL...!
SWA?!
OHNO...
HEHEH.
YOU THOUGHT I'D GIVE YOU ONE ON THE MOUTH?

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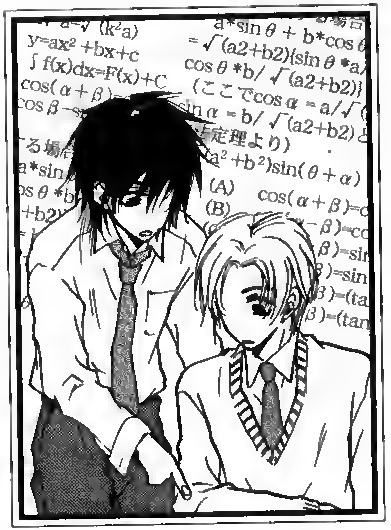
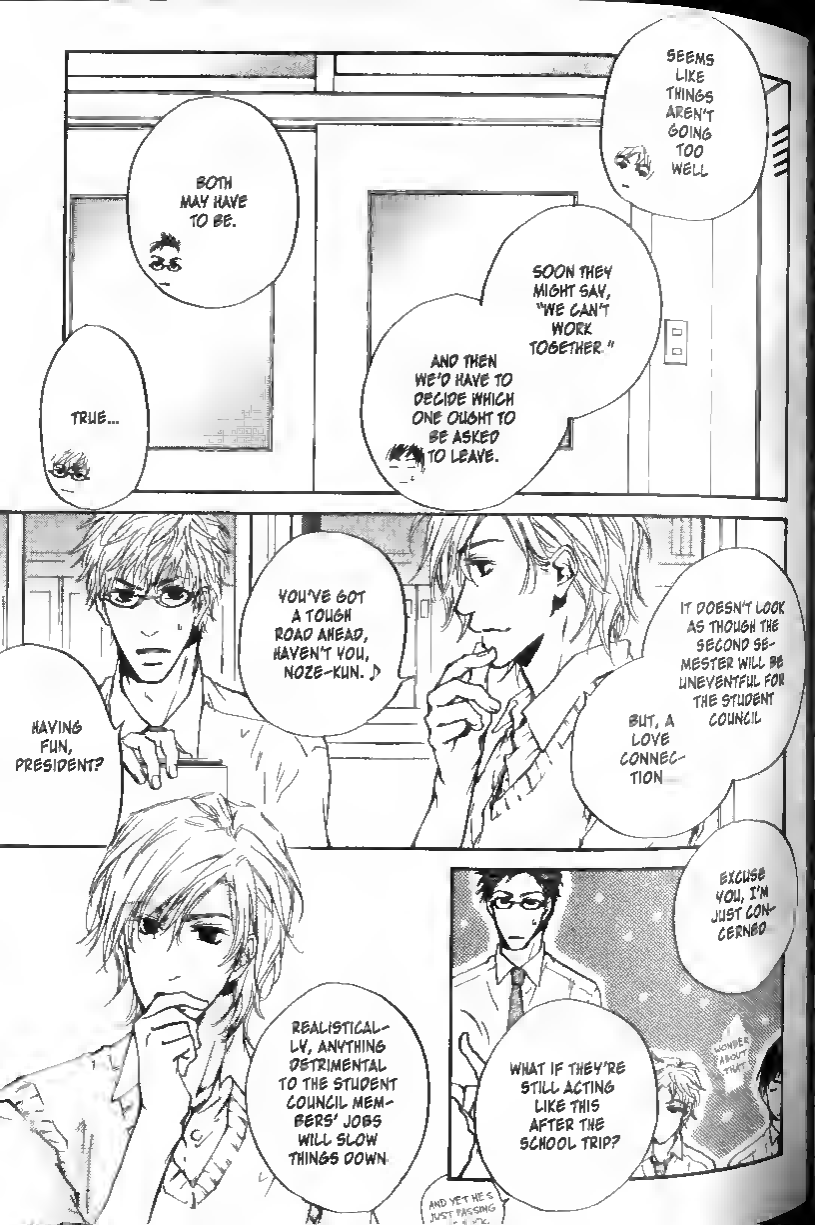
WANNA GO HOME TOGETHER?
IMAIZUMI!
♡
CLATTER
I'M GOING ALONE.




SEEMS LIKE THINGS AREN'T GOING TOO WELL
BOTH MAY HAVE TO BE.
SOON THEY MIGHT SAY, "WE CAN'T WORK TOGETHER."
AND THEN WE'D HAVE TO DECIDE WHICH ONE OUGHT TO BE ASKED TO LEAVE.
TRUE...
YOU'VE GOT A TOUGH ROAD AHEAD, HAVEN'T YOU, NOZE-KUN. ♪
HAVING FUN, PRESIDENT?
IT DOESN'T LOOK AS THOUGH THE SECOND SEMESTER WILL BE UNEVENTFUL FOR THE STUDENT COUNCIL
BUT, A LOVE CONNECTION
EXCUSE YOU, I'M JUST CONCERNED
I WONDER ABOUT THAT...
WHAT IF THEY'RE STILL ACTING LIKE THIS AFTER THE SCHOOL TRIP?
REALISTICALLY, ANYTHING DETRIMENTAL TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS' JOBS WILL SLOW THINGS DOWN.
AND YET HE'S JUST PASSING

...
AND MORE THAN A MONTH AGO, TO BOOT.
HE ISN'T GIVING IN AT ALL.
WEREN'T YOU TURNED DOWN ONCE?
WELL, HE IS DEALING WITH KUNI-CHAN.
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
YOU'RE NOT DISCOURAGED AT ALL...
...ARE YOU, RYUHEI OHNO?

SIGH
WELL THEN, I'M GOING HOME.
THIS IS HARD ENOUGH ON ME AS IT IS.
PLEASE DON'T KICK ME WHILE I'M DOWN

QUIT FOLLOWING ME, OHNO!!
BAM
WE GO THE SAME WAY UNTIL THE TRAIN STATION, SO THERE'S NO HELPING IT, RIGHT?
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M STALKING YOU OR ANYTHING
SURE, I HAPPENED TO CATCH UP WITH YOU...
I'M JUST LUCKY LIKE THAT. ♡
WOW, IT'S ALMOST SUMMER VACATION. DURING SCHOOL I GET TO SEE YOU EVERY DAY, BUT...
THAT'S RIGHT.
OARN.. IT'LL BE KINDA HARD TO INVITE YOU ON A DATE THEN.
OH!
BUT WE CAN GET TOGETHER WHEN WE GO TO STUDENT COUNCIL! ♡
..I GUESS YOU'LL BE GOING BACK TO YOUR FOLKS' PLACE FOR THE SUMMER, HUH?
EVEN IF YOU INVITED ME I WOULDN'T GO.
...

IT'D BE SO UNREFINED TO MEDDLE TOO MUCH, BUT...
...IT'D BE GOOD FOR YOU TO TRY AND GIVE THEM SOME ADVICE, NOZE.
AS PART OF YOUR EXPERIENCE AS AN UPPERCLASSMAN
YOU REALLY ARE HAVING FUN, AREN'T YOU...
生徒会室
STUDENT COUNCIL
HMN? ♡
HE'S A DEMON
STOP
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP

GLARE
WELL!
THERE'S A PRETTY FACE!
WHACK
AUGH!
OUCH...
STAY THERE AND COOL OFF FOR A WHILE!!

IMAI~ ZUMI.
...
STEP
STEP
STEP
YEAH, IT'S COME TO THAT POINT.
YOU CAN'T EVEN STAND TO LOOK AT ME?
FOR ONE LITTLE INSTANT.
BUT YOU WON'T LOOK STRAIGHT AT ME.
...TCH.
I LOOKED AT YOU JUST NOW, DIDN'T I?
..SO THAT'S WHY YOU WON'T LOOK ME IN THE EYE AT ALL.
TURN

HUH?
HMMM ..
A "STARS AND SCIENCE EXHIBIT?"...
AND EVEN IF I INVITED HIM SOMEWHERE, HE PROBABLY WOULDN'T COME.
HE WON'T LISTEN IF I MAKE A PASS AT HIM.
IT'S A TOTAL STALEMATE...
HMMM
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT SORT OF MOVIES HE LIKES...
GOOD MORNING, IMAIZUMI.
IT WAS EASIER WITH KANAME-SAN.
MAYBE I COULD GIVE UP ON HIM IF HE TOLD ME HE LIKED SOMEONE ELSE...
TALK ABOUT MEAN.
FIRST TIME I'VE EVER BEEN TREATED LIKE THAT.
...BUT EVEN SO...
I KNEW IMAIZUMI WAS GONNA BE TOUGH, DIDN'T I?!
HELL, IS NOW THE TIME TO TURN BACK?!
I CAN'T GIVE UP THAT EASILY!!

IF YOU LET THIS RUN ITS COURSE, THINGS BETWEEN YOU TWO MIGHT GO BACK TO THE WAY THEY WERE BEFORE. IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE THINKING?
IT MIGHT NOT WORK.
WELL... YOU'RE NOT WRONG.
BUT YOUR WAY OF DOING THINGS IS VERY PASSIVE
IT MIGHT BE TIME TO DECIDE IF YOU REALLY WANT THINGS WITH OHNO TO BE AS THEY ONCE WERE.
THEN HOW ABOUT THIS.
NO?
I WASN'T REALLY...
THE STATE THINGS ARE IN NOW IS SORT OF PATHETIC, DON'T YOU THINK?
AND IF NOT, JUST CUT IT OFF CLEANLY.
FOR INSTANCE, IF YOU DECIDE TO BE FRIENDS WITH HIM...
...YOU SHOULDN'T GIVE HIM FALSE HOPE.

TWITCH
BY ANY CHANCE IS THIS TO AVOID HEADING TO SCHOOL AT THE SAME TIME AS OHNO?
GOOD MORNING, NOZE-SEMPAI.
YOU'RE OUT EARLY.
HOW ARE THINGS, REALLY?
SO ARE YOU.
HA HA HA
YOU ALREADY TOLD HIM NO ONCE, SO WHAT CAN YOU DO?
JUST WAIT FOR HIM TO GIVE UP? IS THAT REALLY THE ONLY THING YOU CAN DO?
...ISN'T IT?
...DEPENDS ON HIM.
THAT...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WITH OHNO.
ARE YOU GOING TO TRY TO KEEP AVOIDING HIM?

HE UNDERSTANDS YOUR PERSONALITY
DON'T YOU THINK HE ACTS LIKE THAT.
...BECAUSE HE DOESN'T WANT TO CHASE AFTER SOMETHING UNATTAINABLE?

IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH GENDER.
AND BESIDES...
CONFESSING YOUR FEELINGS TAKES COURAGE, DOESN'T IT?
HMM...
I DON'T KNOW HOW WELL THAT WORKS
BUT IF HE'S STILL TRYING EVEN AFTER BEING TREATED COLDLY FOR A MONTH, ISN'T THAT PROOF THAT HE'S SERIOUS?

IS THAT YOUR SYMPATHY FOR YOUR BUDDY'S UNREQUITED LOVE?
...

BUT HAVING A GUY TELL ME HE LIKES ME ISN'T NORMAL.
AND EVEN THOUGH I INTENDED TO REJECT HIM...
I THOUGHT I'D GOTTEN USED TO THINGS AT KINSEI.
IT'S... HARD FOR ME.

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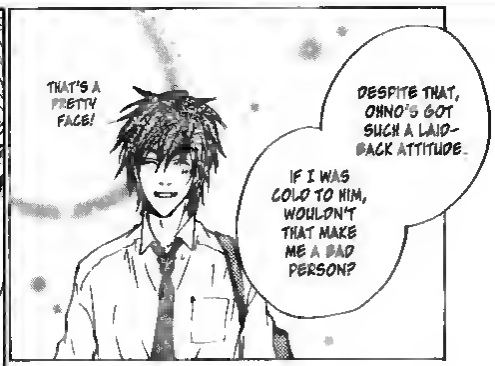
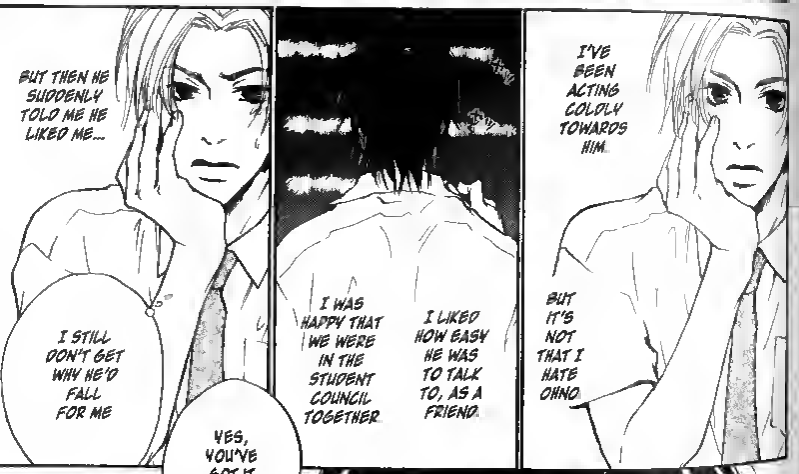
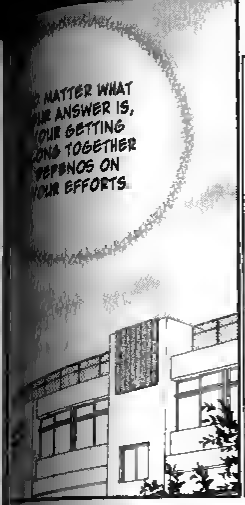
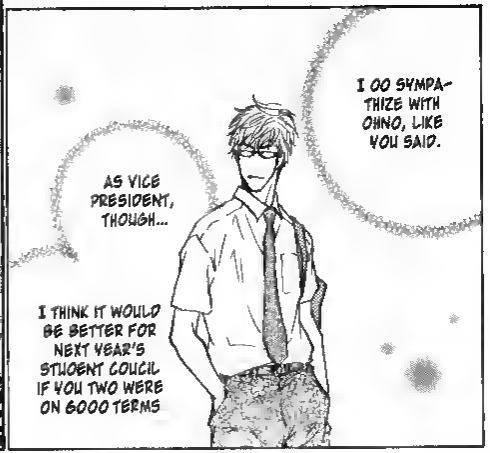

THAT'S A PRETTY FACE!
DESPITE THAT, OHNO'S GOT SUCH A LAID-BACK ATTITUDE.
IF I WAS COLD TO HIM, WOULDN'T THAT MAKE ME A BAD PERSON?


BUT THEN HE SUDDENLY TOLD ME HE LIKED ME...
I STILL DON'T GET WHY HE'D FALL FOR ME
I WAS HAPPY THAT WE WERE IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL TOGETHER
I LIKED HOW EASY HE WAS TO TALK TO, AS A FRIEND.
I'VE BEEN ACTING COLDLY TOWARDS HIM.
BUT IT'S NOT THAT I HATE OHNO.

YES, YOU'VE GOT IT RIGHT.
YOU CAN GO SIT DOWN
AND FOR OHNO, THE FACT THAT I DON'T FALL FOR MEN...
JOLT
CRAP... OUR EYES MET...


NO MATTER WHAT YOUR ANSWER IS, I'M GETTING ALONG TOGETHER DEPENDS ON YOUR EFFORTS.


I DO SYMPATHIZE WITH OHNO, LIKE YOU SAID.
AS VICE PRESIDENT, THOUGH...
I THINK IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR NEXT YEAR'S STUDENT COUCIL IF YOU TWO WERE ON GOOD TERMS

OKAY.
OHNO, COME GIVE THIS PROBLEM A TRY.
I WONDER IF HE'S IMPLYING THAT HE WAS IN THE SAME SITUATION WITH THE PRESIDENT.
.. THOUGH I WOULDN'T CALL THAT A 'GOOD RELATIONSHIP'...
DEPENDS ON MY EFFORTS... HUH?

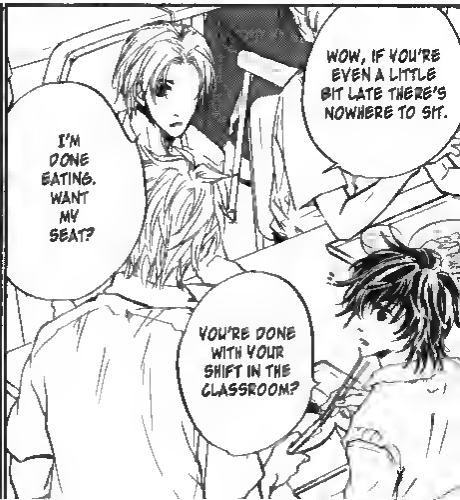
KUNI-CHAN...
DON'T EAT WITH SUCH A SCARY FACE...
IF THINGS KEEP GOING LIKE THIS...
...THEN THIS TIME I'LL MAKE IT CLEAR!
OHNO'S NOT ALL THAT BAD, RIGHT? THEY SAY YOU ALWAYS TEASE THE ONE YOU LOVE!
Y'OUGHTA TRY FORGIVING HIM.
AND BESIDES, YOUR REACTIONS ARE GREAT
SO ARE YOU TELLING ME I SHOULD BE HAPPY ABOUT BEING TEASED?
AH...
SORRY
ARE YOU STILL MAD ABOUT THAT THING WITH OHNO?
...
WERE YOU WATCHING ME?
...!!
DON'T GET LAX JUST BECAUSE THE MIDTERM TESTS ARE OVER.
IMAIZUMI, TRY SOLVING THE NEXT PROBLEM.
HEY.
AH... NO...
SOMETHING GOING ON HERE, OHNO? IMAIZUMI?
HOW CAN I BELIEVE ANYTHING HE SAYS TO ME WHEN HE ACTS LIKE THAT?!
DAMN IT...
I WAS JUST STARTING TO THINK HE WAS SERIOUS...!

CLATTER
THANKS FOR THE FOOD.
SLURP
OH, GUESS WHAT
I WAS JUST TALKING WITH KUNI-CHAN ABOUT SUMMER VACATION..
CREAK
AH!
IMAIZUMI!
OHNO...
!

YEAH.
CAN I COME AND HANG OUT THERE?
THAT REMINDS ME, YOU'RE GOING BACK TO YOUR PARENTS HOUSE FOR SUMMER VACATION, RIGHT?
OH!
I'M NOT SAVIN' THAT.
BUT YOU WON'T SEE EACH OTHER AS MUCH DURING SUMMER VACATION.

OH, THEN THAT'LL BE IN AUGUST...
I WAS THINKING WE COULD ALL MEET THERE.
WEREN'T YOU SAYING EARLIER THAT THERE'S A BIG SUMMER FESTIVAL?
SURE, BUT THERE'S NOTHING TO DO.
IT'S JUST THE COUNTRYSIDE.

IS THAT OKAY?
YEAH.
I'M GONNA GO BACK TO THE CLASS-ROOM.
CLATTER


I'M DONE EATING. WANT MY SEAT?
WOW, IF YOU'RE EVEN A LITTLE BIT LATE THERE'S NOWHERE TO SIT.
YOU'RE DONE WITH YOUR SHIFT IN THE CLASSROOM?

I'D RATHER HEAR YOU FIRST.
WHAT'D YOU WANT TO SAY?
-SO?
OHNO...
WHAT SORT OF RELATIONSHIP DO YOU WANT US TO HAVE?
UH.
WELL...
IN A WORD, LOVERS?
WHAT IS IT?

-PERFECT. I CAN CLEAR THINGS UP WITH HIM
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
I'VE BEEN WANTING TO SPEAK TO YOU, TOO.
HUH? YEAH...
YOU DONE EATING?
I WANNA TO TALK WITH YOU, IS THAT OKAY?
HE DOESN'T CARE THAT HE PISSED ME OFF EARLIER?
LET'S GO TO THE ROOF.

I CAN'T RECIPROCATE YOUR FEELINGS.
SO I'VE GOT TO CHANGE WHAT I SAID.
I DON'T WANT THINGS TO CONTINUE AS THEY ARE NOW.
AND... I CAN'T READ YOUR MOODS... WHETHER YOU'RE SERIOUS OR NOT.
I... I WANT US TO BE FRIENDS, BUT I CAN'T BE IN THE RELATION-SHIP YOU WANT.
I THOUGHT I SAID THAT EARLIER...?
YEAH. YOU DID SAY THAT.
OHNO, YOUR FIRST LOVE WAS A MAN.
YOU CAN'T DATE A GUY?
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN IN THESE SORTS OF SITUATIONS.
THE IDEA OF DATING A GUY MUST SEEM NORMAL TO YOU.
EXACTLY.
BUT IT'S DIFFERENT WITH ME
THAT...
...HASN'T CHANGED, EVEN NOW.

I HAD A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.
WHEN YOU CALLED ME SO FORMALLY, UP TO THE ROOF.
SO THIS IS REALLY IT, HUH?
HA HA.
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE TELLING ME TO GIVE UP COMPLETELY, HUH?
...AH WELL.
I'LL TRY MY BEST TO GET OVER THIS QUICKLY
BUT IT'LL TAKE SOME TIME, SO GIVE ME A BREAK IF I STILL LOOK AT YOU ONCE IN A WHILE
AND, SORRY, BUT...
...FROM NOW ON, GO TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL WITHOUT ME.
I'LL TELL THE VICE PRESIDENT THAT I'LL BE HIS ASSISTANT TILL SUMMER BREAK, SO.

BUT I REALLY WAS SERIOUS ABOUT YOU.
BUT YOU EXPECT US TO PRETEND NOTHING HAPPENED?
ISN'T THAT CALLOUS OF YOU?
I...
TRUE THAT WOULD BE...
...BEYOND GREAT
YOU'RE QUITTING THE STUDENT COUNCIL?
AFTER YOU'VE COME SO FAR..
BYE...
WHA...
WAI...
WAIT A SECOND, OHNO!
I'M SORRY
YEAH.. YOU'RE RIGHT...
WE'RE ALMOST AT THE SECOND SEMESTER.
EVERYONE'S EXPECTING SO MUCH FROM US!
BUT...
I WOULDN'T HAVE JOINED AT ALL IF YOU HADN'T BEEN THERE.
NO POINT IN GOING NOW
IMAIZUMI
AND I... I'D LIKE TO WORK WITH YOU FROM NOW ON, TOO, OHNO.

...I WAS CARRYING 'EM AROUND, SO
JUST TAKE THEM
PAP
IT'S STUPID TO GIVE IT TO YOU NOW, BUT
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
YOU LIKE IT, RIGHT?
THAT SORT OF THING.
–?
RUSTLE
SEE YA
MAYBE YOU CAN GO WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT OR SOMETHING

AS FOR TALKING TO THE VICE PRESIDENT...
...I'LL HOLD OFF.
BUT IT'LL TAKE SOME TIME TO FIGURE OUT IF I'M QUITTING OR NOT.
SO I'M NOT GONNA SHOW UP AT THE STUDENT COUNCIL FOR A WHILE.
...AND THERE'S THIS.
...
THANK YOU...
THAT'S MY COMPROMISE

RUSTLE
GAIN
GAIN
GAIN
GAIN
OHNO'S NOT COMING FOR A WHILE?
THAT'S RIGHT
I SEE...
WELL WE CAN'T FORCE HIM, SO THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO
THOUGH I HAD A LOT FOR YOU TWO TO DO BEFORE NEXT SEMESTER.

SLAM!
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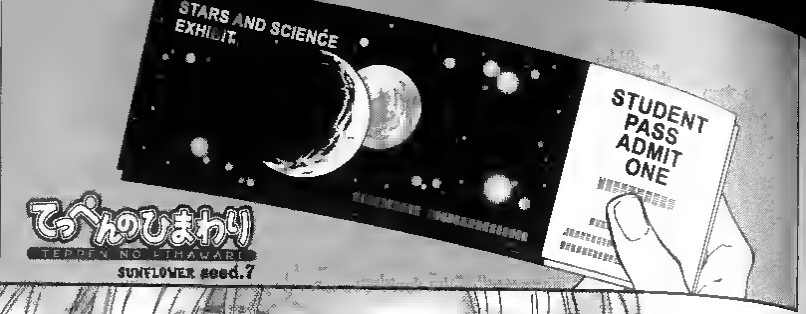
OHNO...!



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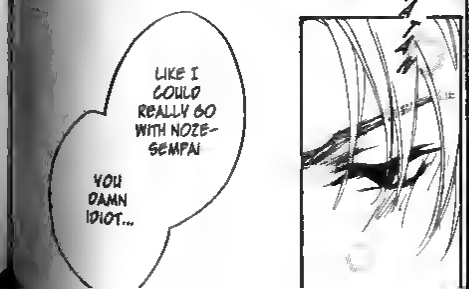

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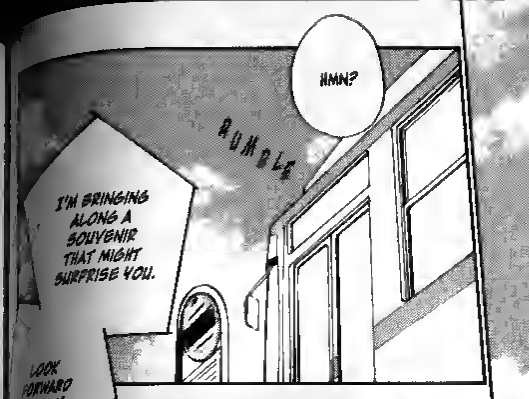
-OKAY THEN CAN I CALL YOU ONCE WE GET TO THE STATION?
YEAH.
OKIEDOKE. WELL, G'BYE THEN.
OH! UM, BY THE WAY...
KAWAHARA... HAVE YOU RUN INTO OHNO SINCE VACATION STARTED?
ER... NO.
OHNO? NOPE, I HAVEN'T. SOMETHING WRONG?
IT'S NOTHING, SORRY, BYE...
WA...
?
WHAT AM I DOING, ASKING ABOUT HIM...?
FWUMP
GEEZ...

...
WELL? WELL? ARE YOU SURPRISED?
SO I BROUGHT HIM!
TA DAAA!!
KUNI-CHAN, YOU SEEMED WORRIED ABOUT OHNO SOMEHOW.

HEY.
MAYBE OHNO WAS RIGHT?
...KUNI-CHAN?
UM. WAS IT BAD OF ME TO BRING HIM?
OH!
NO... NO, IT'S OKAY.

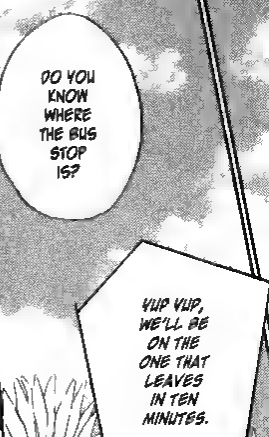
BUT ON THE PHONE, HE REALLY...
...I'M SORRY...
THERE, SEE? DIDN'T I TELL YOU I WASN'T WELCOME?
...FORGET IT.

LET'S GO TO MY PLACE
SPIN


HMN?
RUMBLE
I'M BRINGING ALONG A SOUVENIR THAT MIGHT SURPRISE YOU.
LOOK FORWARD TO IT!

HA HA...

HI, KUNI-CHAN?
WE'RE AT THE TRAIN STATION!


DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE BUS STOP IS?
YUP YUP, WE'LL BE ON THE ONE THAT LEAVES IN TEN MINUTES.

OKAY. I'LL MEET YOU AT THE BUS STOP.
UH HUH OH, AND KUNI-CHAN...

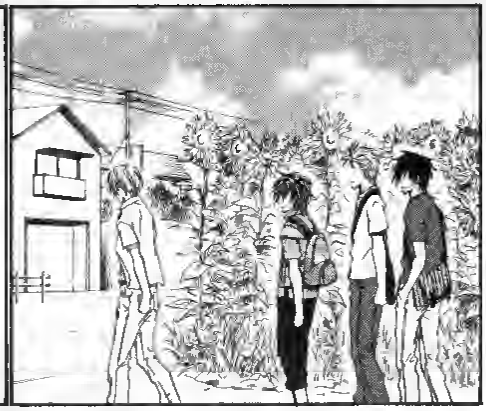
I GO TO THAT YAKITORI BOOTH EVERY YEAR. IT'S DELICIOUS.
I WANT YAKISOBA!
LET'S EAT FIRST.
I'M HUNGRY
WOW!
LOOK AT ALL THE VENDOR BOOTHS!

TAKING THE BUS TO THE NEXT TOWN
VROOM

OK.
THANKS!
TRADE WITH ME TOO
THAT'S LOW ME TOO!
I HATE COTTON CANDY AND HALF EATEN MEAT
IWAIZUMI,
I'LL TRADE YOU A BITE OF YAKISOBA.
IF I GIVE SOME TO EVERYONE THERE WON'T BE ANY LEFT, THOUGH.
I WANT A BITE, TOO.
I WANNA TRY SOME OF THAT YAKITORI!

WOW...
THEY'RE REALLY CLOSE
IT'S STARTED.

BOOM
AH!



THEY GROW IN OUR FIELDS, TOO.
REALLY?
SO, YOU HAVE FIELDS?
WE DO
SO WHAT? :(

YEAH.
HEY, KUNI-CHAN, ARE THERE A LOT OF SUNFLOWERS AROUND HERE?
IF YOU HEAD TOWARD THE MOUNTAINS THERE ARE FIELDS OF THEM.
IT'S SORT OF A SIGHT SEEING SPOT
THE TOWN THERE PLANTS THEM
TUG

SEE YOU LATER!

I KNOW.
OKAY. WE'RE OFF TO SEE THE FIREWORKS.
CALL IF YOU DON'T END UP TAKING THE BUS BACK.

THEN I'M FINE HERE.
I'VE SEEN IT PLENTY OF TIMES. WHEN I WAS A KID, SO...
I'D RATHER WATCH FROM HERE WITH YOU
BOOM
...
YOU DON'T WANT TO GO WITH THEM, OHNO?
TEP
...DO YOU?
BOOM
BABOOM
BOOM
BOOM

HEY, KUNI-CHAN. ARE THEY SETTING OFF FIREWORKS CLOSE TO THE LAUNCH SITE?
YEAH.
REALLY? I WANNA SEE!
LET'S GO LOOK!
BADOOM...
LET'S MEET BACK HERE AFTER.
KAWAHARA AND I ARE GOING TO-GETHER
I WANT TO SEE, TOO.
IF YOU WANT, BUT... IT'S PROBABLY CROWDED THERE
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'D BE ABLE TO GET CLOSE
HUH?!
WHA... WHADDAYA MEAN, KAKIZAKI?
WE'RE ALL FINALLY TOGETHER AGAIN...
DUMMY, WHY'D YOU BRING OHNO HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE?
OH YEAH.
WHAT'S WITH THEM?
...A LITTLE OVER-ENTHUSIASTIC, THERE.

I TOLD YOU, I HAD THEM ANYWAY SO IT'S NO PROBLEM.
THEN GO.
HOW CAN I GO WHEN YOU HANDED THEM TO ME LIKE THAT?
I'M GIVING THEM BACK!
I SAID IT'S FINE
THAT'S NOT IT, BUT...
..WHY?
YOU WEREN'T INTERESTED?
BOOM!!
I CAN'T DO THAT!
...TCH.
IF YOU'RE NOT GOING NO MATTER WHAT, THEN JUST GIVE THEM TO SOMEONE OR THROW THEM AWAY..
BECAUSE YOU...

...SO, HEY-
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
SORRY... WHAT IS IT?
NO.. YOU GO FIRST.
HEY, THEY STOPPED!
JUST WAIT
NOW THEY'LL FIRE ONE BIG ONE AT A TIME
I'M RETURNING THEM
THE TICKETS... THE ONES FOR THE STAR AND SCIENCE EXHIBIT.

WHAT?
YOU GONNA GO FIND THE OTHERS AND GO BACK HOME?
DO I LOOK LIKE I'M DOING THAT?!
THE TREES AREN'T IN THE WAY HERE?
BOOM
...I DON'T CARE.
SIT
BOOOM
...I CAN SEE THE REALLY HIGH ONES.
WHY DON'T YOU GO SOMEWHERE SO YOU CAN SEE THEM BETTER?
SORRY. I COULDN'T MAKE YOU ANY HOW...
CLICK
SO...
TURN
WAIT A S-... IMAIZUMI?!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
!!

I DON'T REALLY KNOW.
DID YOUR TALK END BADLY?
MURMUR
HEH...

THERE ARE ONLY THREE GUEST FUTONS.
WHY NOT? LET'S ALL SLEEP TOGETHER!
KUNI-CHAN, YOU'RE NOT SLEEPING IN HERE?
HUH?
PILLOW
I'M GOING TO LAY OUT THE FUTONS IN THE TATAMI ROOM YOU GUYS GO TAKE TURNS IN THE BATH
WE'RE HOME~
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
YAY

PULL

DID THINGS GO BADLY BETWEEN YOU AND KUNI-CHAN EARLIER?
WANTED A SUMMER SLEEP OVER
...KAKIZAKI ALREADY ASKED.

DOOM

I GOT TIRED OF STANDING.
OH... SORRY 'BOUT THAT.
GEEZ...
WE CAME BACK AND YOU WEREN'T THERE!

IF HE HATES ME SO MUCH, IT SHOULDN'T MATTER WHETHER HE THROWS THEM AWAY OR NOT.
EVEN IF HE SAYS HE WANTS TO RETURN THEM, AT THIS POINT, I JUST CAN'T ACCEPT THEM.
HOW CAN I GO WHEN YOU HANDED THEM TO ME LIKE THAT? I'M GIVING THEM BACK!
IT SEEMED LIKE WE WERE GONNA ARGUE ABOUT THE TICKETS FOR A MOMENT.
RUSTLE
AND ANYWAY, WHY WAS HE SO STUBBORN ABOUT IT?
I WONDER...
...WHAT HE SAID BACK THERE. IMAIZUMI...

SHUT
I WONDER IF IMAIZUMI'S CHANGED.
...THAT THINGS WENT TOO BADLY.
I DIDN'T THINK...

CREEP
!!!!!
GAH!
!
SWING
HEY..
IMAIZUMI, WHERE'RE YOU GOING?
HEY
SLAM
KRRR
SLIDE
WHAT WAZZAT...?
?
IMAI-ZUMI...?

I WAS TOLD YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT ME!
OF COURSE I CAME!
GIVING ME THOSE TICKETS...
YOU'RE THE ONE THAT CAUSED IT, AREN'T YOU?!
IT'S TRUE
I WANT YOU TO CARE ABOUT ME
I HATE THAT I CAN'T GET OVER LIKING YOU
I WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT ME. BUT THAT-...
WELL, GOOD FOR YOU!
THANKS TO YOU I'M IN TOTAL DAMN TURMOIL!
AND JUST FROM TWO STUPID TICKETS!!

DO YOU ALWAYS WAKE UP THIS EARLY?
...
I... GUESS NOT, OBVIOUSLY.
HA HA HA
...
WHAT'S WITH YOU?
WHY'D YOU COME HERE?
HUH?
YOU COULDN'T SLEEP?
EVEN SO, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE.
IF YOU'D HAD ANY SENSE.
HEH.
WHY?
KAWAHARA INVITED ME TO COME..

CLING
THAT'S WHY YOU GAVE THEM TO ME
GRAB
I SAID IT YESTERDAY, TOO!
I CAN'T THROW THEM AWAY.
LIKE I COULD...?!
THROW THEM AWAY IF YOU WANT. IT'S FINE!
I TRY TO GIVE THEM BACK, AND YOU REFUSE!
YOU... THEN, YOU...
YOU WERE PLANNING ON GOING WITH ME, WEREN'T YOU?!
LET...
NO.
LEMME GO...!
LET GO...
NO
SQUISH
CLING

UH...
...THAT'S... BECAUSE...
.. BECAUSE YOU BOUGHT THEM SO YOU COULD GO WITH ME...
NOW HOLD ON...
LISTEN
...YOU COULDN'T THROW THOSE TICKETS AWAY?
DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHY...
THEN .. I DUNNO
IT'S DIFFERENT, BECAUSE IT'S YOU.
BECAUSE.. I WANT US TO BE FRIENDS...
AND IF YOU'D GOTTEN THEM FROM SOME-ONE ELSE?
WOULD YOU HAVE THROWN THEM AWAY THEN?

WHOOP...
WAUGH!
STAGGER
WHOA...
IMAIZUMI, WAIT...!
THIS...
FLAIL
I SAID LET GO, DIDN'T I?!
YOU...
...!
GRAB
IMAIZUMI.
THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU TO LET GO...
OW...
DUMB-ASS...
SQUEEZE
I... REALLY DO LOVE YOU.

I TOLD YOU THAT I LOVED YOU.
I CAN'T THINK OF YOU ANMORE AS JUST A FRIEND.
AND SO, THOSE TICKETS... WILL YOU THROW THEM AWAY?
BECAUSE WE CAN NEVER GO BACK TO BEING FRIENDS LIKE WE WERE
...
THAT'S...
I COULD NEVER...
...THROW THEM AWAY...

HEY
YOU DON'T MIND ME DOING THIS?
LEMME PUT MY ARMS DOWN
...I DON'T REALLY HATE IT, BUT...
THEN, WHAT ABOUT A KISS?
AH...
IF I COULD, I'D HAVE DONE IT A LONG TIME AGO...!
SQUEEEEZE

WHEN WE GO BACK TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL, BRING THOSE TICKETS WITH YOU.
AND THEN, WE CAN GO TOGETHER.
...OKAY.
I REPEAT-
ALL STUDENTS, REPORT TO THE GYMNASIUM.
WE'LL BE SWEARING IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL FOR THE SECOND SEMESTER.

HEHEH!

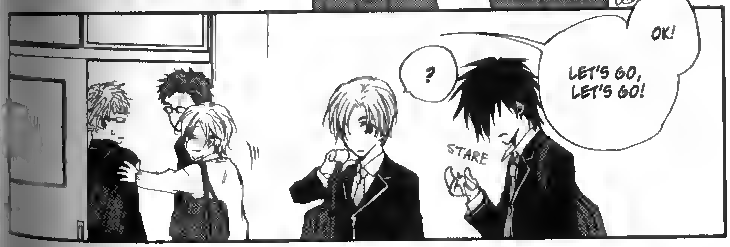
THE PERSON MOST SUITED TO THE ROLE OF VICE-PRESIDENT RIGHT NOW IS YOU, NOZE.
NOPE, IT CERTAINLY HASN'T TURNED OUT THAT WAY!
生徒会室
STUDENT COUNCIL
THE SEMESTER GETS TURNED OVER TO MY ASSISTANTS...
AND I THOUGHT I COULD TAKE A NICE, EASY BACK-SEAT ROLE, BUT, NO
...THAT DOESN'T EXACTLY MAKE ME HAPPY.
I APPRECIATE THE HELP, MR VICE-PRESIDENT. ♡
THAT'S RIGHT!
GRIN
FINE, FINE
ALL JOKING ASIDE
THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL HAPPENS SOON INTO THE SECOND SEMESTER
YOU'LL HAVE TO PROVIDE OHNO WITH PLENTY OF BACK-UP.

THE NEW STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAS BEEN ELECTED.
RYUHEI OHNO, OF CLASS 1-E
NO.
THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE BETTER QUALIFIED TO BE VICE-PRESIDENT.
SO KUNI-CHAN WILL BE THE PRESIDENT'S ASSISTANT?
I FIGURED IT'D BE OHNO.
WHY NOT BECOME VICE-PRESIDENT?
THEN YOU AND OHNO COULD BOTH BE ON TOP.
WHISPER
WHISPER
THAT STILL MIGHT HAPPEN!

HOLD ON...!!
WRIGGLE
WHAT THE HELL'RE YOU DOING?!
AND WITH YOUR COAT ALREADY OFF?!
SQUISH
BECAUSE!
THE FORMER PRESIDENT GAVE ME THE 'GO' SIGN!

CAN I AT LEAST SNUGGLE WITH YOU FOR A WHILE?
PARTY POOPER-...
I'M NOT, ANYWAY.
AND WE'RE SURE AS HELL NOT DOING IT IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM!
WE... WE WENT OVER THIS.
I ASKED YOU TO HOLD OFF FOR A LITTLE BIT LONGER, DIDN'T I?

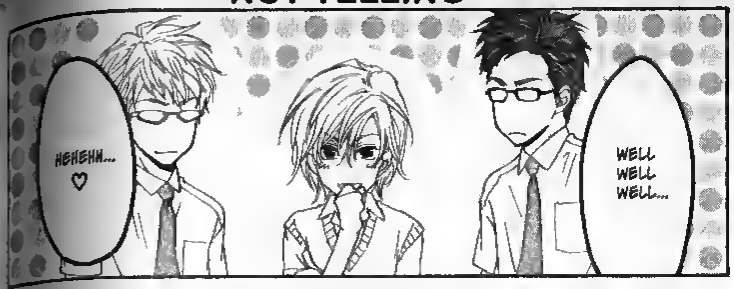
YOU TWO, ALL ALONE IN A ROOM WITH A COMFY SOFA... ♡
PRETTY DELICIOUS SITUATION, DON'T YOU THINK?
OH, C'MON!
YOU'RE SO DENSE, RYUHEI OHNO!
THIS ISN'T REALLY A JOB FOR THE PRESIDENT, THOUGH, IS IT?
I HAD TO ASK THE ONE I WAS AN ASSISTANT!
HERE'S YOUR FIRST JOB AS PRESI-DENT.
BRING THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM KEY BACK TO THE STAFF ROOM.
CLINK
HWA?


OK!
LET'S GO, LET'S GO!
?
STARE

AREN'T THEY JUST SO CUTE? ♥
KOZUE
O... OHNO?!
WHA...
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!
THUMP
WHUMP
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?
HUH?
SLIP

LONELY AND IN LOVE
THE FESTIVAL'S OVER, SO OHNO AND THE OTHERS LEFT.
I'M KINDA... LONELY...
I'LL CALL YOU TONIGHT!
QATAAN
LONG DISTANCE RELATIONSHIPS ARE SO HARD
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU HAD STUDENT COUNCIL IN 3 DAYS?
AND DIDN'T YOU JUST LEAVE?
ON THE TRAIN HOME
QATAH
NGGHH...
I'LL BE WAITING!
TELLING EVERYONE
AND A WHOLE LOT MORE THAN THAT! ♡
LOVE
WE MADE UP!
EHH?!
HEY, THAT'S GREAT!
WHOOPS HE HAD A TANK TOP ON
WOW TALK ABOUT THE VIGOR OF YOUTH.
CHECK IT OUT! I ENDED UP ALL MUDDY
SO.. WHERE'D YOU DO IT—?!
EH?! IN A FIELD?!
THAT'S SO MIS-LEADING!
THAT'S WHY WE'RE BOTH SO DIRTY ON THE OUTSIDE WHILE WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?
RUFFLE
SORRY...
PAT
IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T LIKE HIM... BUT I DON'T QUITE HAVE THE COURAGE..
OHNO UNDERSTANDS THAT, SO HE TOLD ME HE'D BE PATIENT...
"EH?!
IF THAT ACTUALLY HAPPENS, I'M LEAVING
WE COULD BE THE SCHOOL'S NEXT BIG NEWS STORY
THE HELL'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? DUMBASS.
"THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND HIS ASSISTANT'S PASSIONATE LOVE IS EXPOSED!☆"
OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT
SUNFLOWER seed.7 *END

NOT TELLING



I DON'T REALLY CARE THAT YOUR PANTIES FOR JOINING CLUB ACTIVITIES BUT YOU SHOULDN'T TAKE ON SOMETHING AND THEN THROW IT AWAY
SORRY
IT'S GREAT THAT YOU'VE MADE UP. I WAS WONDERING HOW YOU WERE GONNA MANAGE TO DO THAT BEFORE SUMMER VACATION.
SMILE
I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, BUT NO THANK YOU!
SMILE
IT'S OKAY, YOU CAN TELL ME.
WELL?
KUNI-CHAN, HAVE YOU GIVEN YOURSELF TO RYUHEI OHNO?
WHAT?!
GET'S SCOLDED
GET'S GROPED

THANKS FOR READING THE SECOND VOLUME OF SUNFLOWER! I HADN'T THOUGHT THIS WOULD BECOME A MANGA ABOUT SUCH PURE YOUTH (NOZE WAS ORIGINALLY MORE OF A RIVAL CHARACTER) BUT WE MADE IT TO THE END PEACEFULLY! (MOSTLY)

THE BOYS' SCHOOL SERIES WILL TAKE A BREAK HERE, BUT HERE'S ANOTHER LONG SIDE-STORY. THIS TIME IT'S ABOUT THE PRESIDENT AND HIS ASSISTANT. THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE HOPING FOR MORE ABOUT AIKAWA, MY APOLOGIES! I'LL BE VERY HAPPY IF YOU ACCEPT AND ENJOY THIS STORY

THANKS SO MUCH TO EVERYONE WHO'S ALWAYS HELPING ME OUT, AND TO YOU FOR READING - THANK YOU!!

AND TO "M TA" AND "M HON" FOR HELPING ME OUT QUICKLY WITH THIS SIDE STORY, THANK YOU!)

MARCH 2006 HYOUTA FUJIYAMA ★★

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LEIJI SUMIYOSHI AND I CONSISTS OF BEING 50% CHILDHOOD FRIENDS, 40% CLASSMATES, AND 10% "LOVERS".

IT'D BE NICE IF YOU SEDUCED ME, ONCE IN A WHILE
FWAP
...IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO DO SO.
YOU KNOW THAT
BUT IT SEEMS LIKE UNLESS I MAKE THE MOVES, WE DON'T DO ANYTHING.

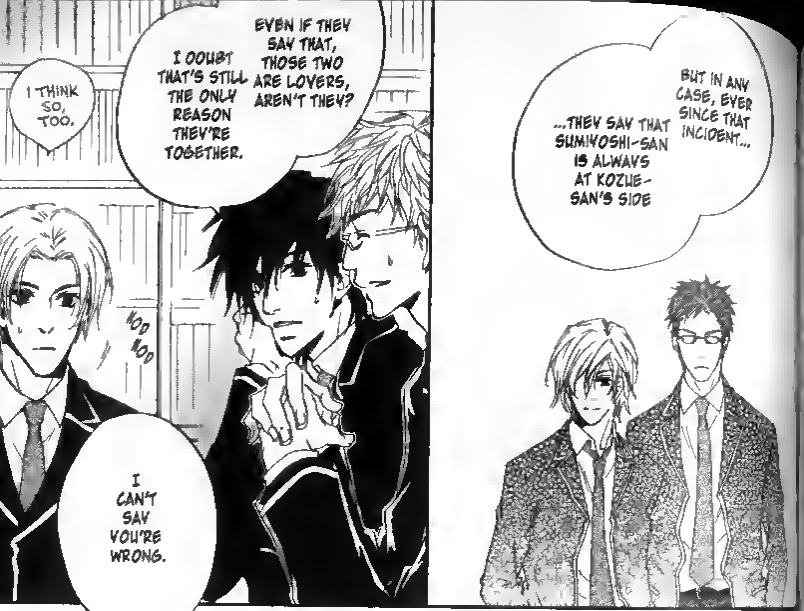
YOU MUST CONSIDER LEIJI-KUN'S PRIVATE TIME AS WELL.
IT'S SELFISH OF YOU TO MAKE HIM ASSOCIATE WITH YOU.
YOU'RE HANGING OUT THERE ALL THE TIME, AREN'T YOU?
FUMIAKI, DID YOU STAY AT LEIJI-KUN'S AGAIN?
MMN.
IT ISN'T AS THOUGH I'M FORCING HIM.
THANKS FOR THE MEAL.
THAT'S RIGHT.
I DON'T COERCE LEIJI TO BE AT MY SIDE.
I'VE COME TO PICK UP FUMIAKI-SAN
WAIT A SEC, I'VE JUST GOTTA BRUSH MY TEETH
THAT'S WHY WE'VE BECOME SO CLOSE
LEIJI IS BY MY SIDE OF HIS OWN CHOOSING... I THINK

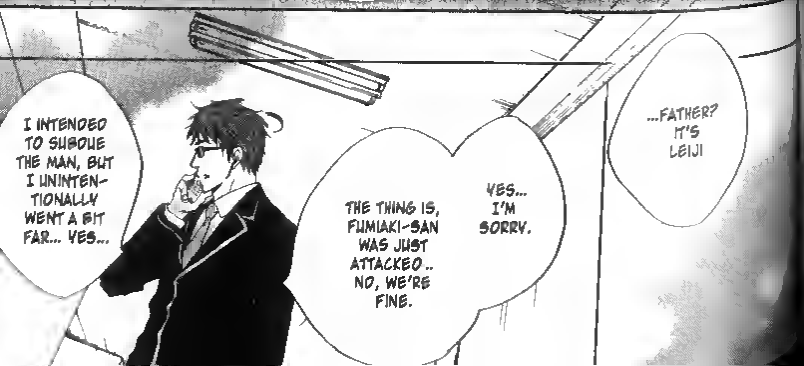
ココロだけより
カラダだけより
MORE THAN JUST HEART
MORE THAN JUST BODY
THE SUMIYOSHI HOME IS ON OUR LAND.
YOU CAN COME AND GO THROUGH THE GARDEN.
UH OH... I WAS A LITTLE TOO LAZY TODAY...
AND IT'S THE PATH I TAKE WHEN I SNEAK OUT AT NIGHT TO LEIJI'S ROOM IN THE ANNEX.

KUNI-CHAN, IT'S BEEN A WHILE. ♡
KOZUE-SEMPAI?
PRESIDENT... ER, OR RATHER...
UM
HUH?
...I'M KILLING TIME WHILE LEIJI'S IN THE STAFF ROOM.
NO, REALLY.
I CAME TO SEE YOU! ♡
GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN. WHAT'S GOING ON?
DONE IT YET?
HOW ABOUT YOU, THEN?
ARE YOU AND OHNO ALL LOVEV-OOVEV?
YOU TWO REALLY ARE CLOSE, AREN'T YOU!
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU TWO ALWAYS GO HOME TOGETHER.
GOOD WORK TODAY
KRRRR
YOU TOO. WHERE'S OHNO?
WE RAN INTO HIS FRIEND ON THE WAY. HE'S COMING.
YOU'RE EARLY, KOZE-SEMPAI.
...JUST TO TELL ME TO UNLOCK THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM?
TO THINK, YOU'D GO THROUGH ALL THE TROUBLE OF COMING TO THE CLASSROOM...
THIS ISN'T A ROOM FOR YOU TO LOUNGE AROUND IN.
IT'S FINE, I'M JUST WASTING A BIT OF TIME.
IT'S ALMOST WINTER VACATION SO THINGS ARE SLOW, RIGHT?

THEN YOU MIGHT HAVE TO WAIT FOR A WHILE.
I SAW HIM GO IN THE GUIDANCE COUNSELOR'S ROOM WITH A TEACHER EARLIER.
HUH?
...GUIDANCE COUNSELOR'S ROOM...?
SURE.
IN THAT CASE, I'M HEADING HOME FIRST
IF LEIJI SHOWS UP, WOULD YOU LET HIM KNOW I'VE GONE HOME?
...
I SEE
HEY EVERY-ONE.
HELLO.
K-R-R-R
IMAI-ZUMI?
IT'S NOTHING!
YOUR FACE IS BEET RED...
WH-...!!
WHAT, NOT YET?
IF IT'S BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT IT YET, I'LL GIVE YOU A CONSULTATION ANY TIME!
I DON'T NEED ONE!!
...AND...
BY ANY CHANCE, ARE YOU WAITING FOR SUMIYOSHI-SEMPAI?
YOU GOT IT. ♡
I KNOW, BUT STILL.
OHNO!!
KOZUE-SEMPAI... WERE YOU PROPOSI-TIONING IMAIZUMI AGAIN?
HIS REACTION IS JUST SO CUTE

I THOUGHT THAT HIS GOING HOME ALONE WAS UNUSUAL
HE MIGHT NOT HAVE KNOWN SUMIYOSHI-SAN HAD GONE TO TALK TO THE COUNSELOR...
...
SEE YA.
...
BYE.
SORRY TO INTRUDE.
KRRR
YOU SAY YOU SAW SUMIYOSHI-SAN GOING INTO THE GUIDANCE COUNSELOR'S ROOM?
YEAH, SO?
THEY ARE ALWAYS TOGETHER.
BUT THERE'S A REASON FOR THAT.
IT'S TRUE THEY'RE ALWAYS TOGETHER, BUT...
...IS IT SUCH A BIG DEAL THAT KOZUE-SEMPAI WENT HOME ALONE?
A REASON?
BUT KOZUE-SEMPAI'S DEFINITELY STAYING IN THIS SCHOOL SYSTEM...
IF HE WENT ALL THE WAY TO THE GUIDANCE COUNSELOR'S ROOM, YOU GOTTA FIGURE
WELL, YEAH.
SO HE MIGHT BE TAKING A TEST FOR ANOTHER SCHOOL...
HUH?
!!??


I THINK SO, TOO.
I DOUBT THAT'S STILL THE ONLY REASON THEY'RE TOGETHER.
EVEN IF THEY SAW THAT, THOSE TWO ARE LOVERS, AREN'T THEY?
NOD NOD
I CAN'T SAY YOU'RE WRONG.
...THEY SAW THAT SUMIYOSHI-SAN IS ALWAYS AT KOZUE-SAN'S SIDE
BUT IN ANY CASE, EVER SINCE THAT INCIDENT...
BUT... IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN IT REALLY IS A BIG DEAL FOR KOZUE-SAN TO GO HOME ALONE.


I INTENDED TO SUBDUE THE MAN, BUT I UNINTENTIONALLY WENT A BIT FAR... YES...
THE THING IS, FUMIAKI-SAN WAS JUST ATTACKED.. NO, WE'RE FINE.
YES... I'M SORRY.
...FATHER? IT'S LEIJI

KOZUE-SAN...
IN HIS FIRST YEAR HERE, HE HAD AN ENCOUNTER WITH A STALKER.
EH?!
BECAUSE OF HIS PRETTY, FEMININE FACE.

HE WAS FOLLOWED BY AN UPPER-CLASSMAN.
IT LOOKED LIKE HE WAS IN SERIOUS TROUBLE.
SUMIYOSHI-SAN SAVED HIM.

I THINK ONNO KNOWS THIS, BUT...
SUMIYOSHI-SAN'S FAMILY HAS SERVED THE KOZUE FAMILY FOR GENERATIONS.
I'M NOT SURE IF SOME KIND OF BODY-GUARD DUTY WAS PASSED DOWN TO HIM

FUMIAKI-SAN.
ARE YOU GOING TO JOIN A CLUB? THE ARCHERY CLUB?
YEAH, I WAS PLANNING TO.
THEN I'LL JOIN TOO.
...I'M STAYING CLOSE TO YOU.
SO SOMETHING LIKE THIS'LL NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN
YOU'RE NOT HURT ANYWHERE?
I'M FINE! ...THANKS

CLICK
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.
TUTCH
SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE.
..LEIJI...?
WHY...
BUT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I HAD TO GET INVOLVED.
I WAS ONLY PLANNING ON KEEPING AN EYE ON THINGS UNTIL YOU WANTED TO TELL ME
HUH...? BUT I HADN'T TOLD ANYONE ABOUT IT..
IT LOOKED AS THOUGH SOMEONE'S BEEN FOLLOWING YOU AROUND, SO I WAS GUARDING YOU.

WHY'D YOU LEAVE ALONE TODAY?
RYUHEI OHNO SAID IT LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE GOING TO BE A WHILE.
HE SAW YOU GOING INTO THE CAREER COUNSELING OFFICE.
YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL ME, RIGHT?
AND?
YOU CAME ALL THE WAY TO MY ROOM.
CREAK

IS THAT ALL RIGHT?
KNOCK KNOCK
KARA
...KOZUE, CAN I COME IN?
...SURE

YOU'RE PUTTING IN THE EFFORT TO GO TO SOME OTHER UNIVERSITY, JUST TO GET AWAY FROM ME?
WHAT...?
AND IF THAT'S TRUE, SHOULDN'T I HAVE BEEN THE FIRST PERSON TO KNOW ABOUT IT?
DISTANCE?
THAT'S WHY I WENT TO ASK THE TEACHER FOR ADVICE TODAY.
I THOUGHT I'D SPEAK WITH YOU ONCE I WAS CERTAIN.
EVEN THOUGH WE'RE NOT DATING IN THE USUAL MANNER...
...YOU COULDN'T GIVE ME THAT MUCH CONSIDERATION?
GRAB!
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ABOUT THAT!

I'M TAKING THE TEST FOR ANOTHER UNIVERSITY. I'M LEAVING THIS SCHOOL SYSTEM.
THERE WASN'T ANY REASON FOR YOU TO GO INTO THE GUIDANCE COUNSELOR'S OFFICE AT THIS POINT IN THE SEMESTER.
SO WHAT'S YOUR FIRST CHOICE?
AND WHY DO YOU WANT TO TRANSFER?
MY FIRST CHOICE IS T-DAI LAW SCHOOL.
THAT'S A HELL OF AN AMBITION.
AND MY MOTIVATION...
TO PUT SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN US FOR ONCE.

IF WE CONTINUE ON TO KINSEI UNIVERSITY LIKE THIS...
THIS RELATIONSHIP STARTED BECAUSE IT WAS CONVENIENT
...THINGS WILL NEVER CHANGE. THIS IS WHAT WE'RE USED TO.
THAT'S WHY I THINK WE SHOULD PUT SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN US TO START WITH A CLEAN SLATE.
YOU UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU KOZUE?
...DO I UNDERSTAND ..?!

I'M NOT THINKING ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
BUT IT'D BE BETTER IF WE WERE APART FOR ONCE.
DON'T JUST DECIDE THINGS ON YOUR OWN!!
WE ONLY STARTED DATING FOR CONVENIENCE, BUT YOU'RE SICK OF IT?
OR YOU'RE TIRED OF PROTECTING ME NOW THAT THERE ARE NO STALKERS AROUND?
IF THAT'S THE PROBLEM THEN DON'T TALK AROUND IT, JUST SAY IT!
GRIP
YOU JUST SAID IT YOURSELF.
I JUST DON'T GET IT...
WHY IS THAT BETTER?

GOOD NIGHT, THEN.
FUMIAKI-SAN.
..THERE'S A CONDITION.

I DON'T NEED YOU AROUND ME DAY AND NIGHT ANYMORE. I'M FINE WITHOUT YOU WALKING ME EVERY-WHERE.
AND, I'M DONE WITH THOSE NIGHT-TIME VISITS.
YOU WANT A FRESH START, THEN THE SOONER THE BETTER.
GOOD LUCK ON YOUR EXAMS.
KOZUE...
...FINE, WHAT-EVER!
YOU'RE CERTAIN ABOUT IT NOW ANYWAY, RIGHT?
SO WHY NOT DO WHAT-EVER YOU WANT?
DON'T CALL ME BY MY LAST NAME.
LEIJI.

WELL OF COURSE IF THERE'S SOME OTHER GUY THAT YOU LIKE, I'M NOT GONNA FORCE YOU.
IS THERE? SOMEONE YOU LIKE?
THIS ISN'T SOMETHING YOU SHOULD JUST DECIDE LIKE THAT...
BE YOUR...?
SO IT'S OKAY, RIGHT?
THERE'S... NO ONE, BUT...
SO!
AND IT'LL WARD OFF ANY CREEPS. TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE! ♡
NATURALLY, YOU SHOULD BE MY BOY-FRIEND!
I LIKE YOU.
...I THOUGHT YOU LOOKED PRETTY COOL.
AND TODAY, WHEN YOU SAVED ME...

YOU SAID YOU'RE GOING TO BE BY MY SIDE ALL THE TIME.
IF THAT'S TRUE...
WHAT YOU SAID THIS AFTER-NOON.
...?
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?
HUH?
THEN DATE ME.
IF NO ONE CAN GET CLOSE TO ME IT'S GONNA BE ONE HELL OF A LONELY SCHOOL LIFE.
IF YOU'RE ALWAYS WITH ME ACTING LIKE A BODY-GUARD, IT'S GONNA BE ROUGH.
THINK ABOUT IT.

FIRST NAME!
KOZUE.
WELL, THIS IS A GOOD START, ANYWAY.
SLID
STARTING TOMORROW, LET'S GO TO SCHOOL TOGETHER. ♡
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
WA-...
!!
WA-... WAIT!
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU MEANT-...!
WE'VE GOTTA KEEP ON TOP OF THINGS IF WE'RE GONNA SAY WE'RE DATING.
FIRST IS KISSING.
IT'S OBVIOUS, ISN'T IT?
WHAT'M I DOING? KISSING YOU!
MEANIE, WHY WOULDN'T I?
SO ALL THAT TALK ABOUT DATING JUST NOW...

SO?
ARE WE DATING?
IF YOU CAN'T ACCEPT THAT CONDITION...
...THEN I'M NOT GONNA LET YOU JOIN MY ARCHERY CLUB OR STAY CLOSE TO ME. ♡
THEN, FROM NOW ON, DON'T USE HONORIFICS WITH ME.
AND DON'T CALL ME BY MY LAST NAME.
I'M BEING COERCED AFTER ALL...
...
I UNDER-STAND

BANG
AND SURE, I DID FORCE THINGS!
THAT'S BULL-SHIT!!
BUT A "CLEAN SLATE"? A CLEAN SLATE?!
SURE, IT WAS JUST CONVEN-IENCE!
SAYING THAT, AFTER BEING SO CLOSE FOR THREE YEARS...

THERE.
...
WE DID IT, SO NOW IT'S ALL SET.
WE'RE LOVERS NOW, YOU AND I. ♡

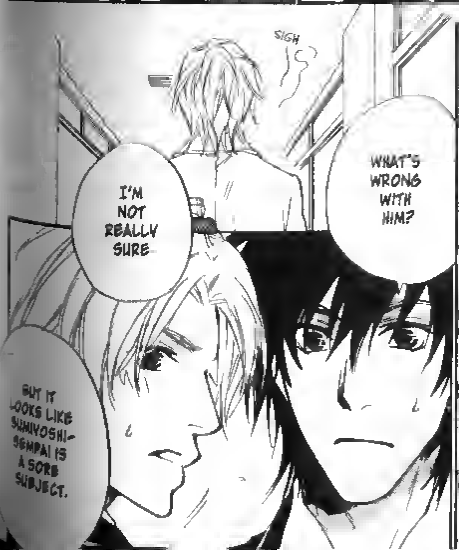
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
SIGH...
I REALLY CAN'T JOIN YOU GUYS, THEN.
YOUR FIRST TIME CAN'T BE A THREE-SOME...
AHH... YOU GUYS HAVE IT NICE.
FEELINGS GET CONFESSED, THEN DATING... THAT'S REALLY THE WAY LOVE'S SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN...
WOW. HE'S ALL FIRED UP, THAT RYUHEI OHNO.
HE TOLD ME TO LEAVE THE 24TH AND 25TH OPEN FOR HIM.
HE DEFINITELY INTENDS TO GO FOR IT. ALL THE WAY, ALL THE WAY!
HARD TO WALK...
...PLEASE STOP SAYING THAT.
KOZUE-SEMPAI...?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN BETWEEN YOU AND SUMIYOSHI-SEMPAI?
IT REALLY IS ABOUT FEELINGS...
IT'S NOT JUST THE JOINING OF BODIES...
IS THAT WHAT YOU'VE BEEN WANTING TO SAY?!
WELL, IN YOUR CASE YOU TWO STILL DON'T HAVE THAT PHYSICAL CONNECTION. POOR RYUHEI OHNO! ♡
WAUGH?!
KOZUE-SEMPAI?
GLOMP
KUNI-CHAN!
GOOD MORNI-ING! ♡
HEY, HEY, KUNI-CHAN.
YOU'RE PROBABLY GOING OUT WITH RYUHEI OHNO FOR CHRISTMAS, RIGHT?
OH...
WHAT'RE YOU DOING, GEEZ...
HUH?
SUMIYOSHI-SEMPAI ISN'T HERE WITH YOU?
EH?
WHAT!?
PINCH
OW OW OW OW!
THAT'S DANGEROUS GROUND YOU'RE STEPPING INTO...

UH...
NOTHING! IT'S NOTHING!
WHAT?
YOU'RE STARING
"STILL DON'T HAVE THAT 'PHYSICAL CONNECTION'... "POOR OHNO" (^^;)...?
REAL-LY?
REAL-LY?
I WONDER IF HE AND SUMIYOSHI-SEMPAI HAD A FIGHT ABOUT HIM CHANGING SCHOOLS.
STARE
HMM...

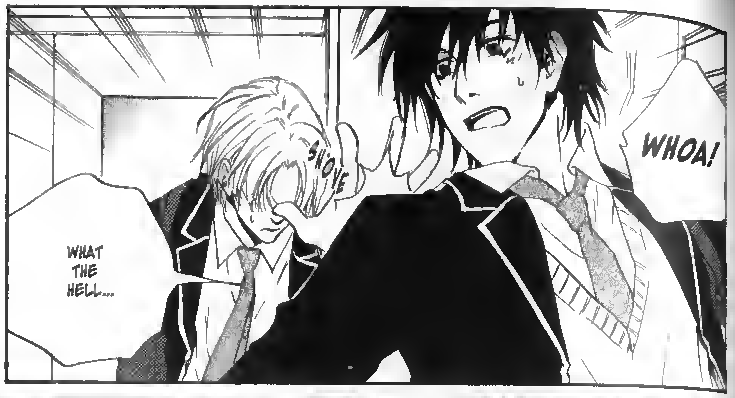
AND?
WHY, I ASK...
...ARE WE AT A KARAOKE PLACE?

I'VE THOUGHT THIS FOR A WHILE NOW... BUT YOU GET WAY TOO CLOSE TO IMAIZUMI
WHAT'S THIS BYUHE! OHNO? JEALOUS?
EXACTLY.
GRR

AURA OF HOSTILITY
...MORE IMPOR-TANTLY...
...WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO IN THE HALLWAY?
OOPS.


SIGH
I'M NOT REALLY SURE
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE SUMIYOSHI-SEMPAI IS A SORE SUBJECT.

FINE, I GET THE POINT.
SORRY FOR BUTTING IN.
I'M BORED ANYWAY
OHNO! LEMME GO!


WHOA!
SHOVE
WHAT THE HELL...

IS... IS THAT SO...
THEN... WERE YOU THINKING OF MAYBE GOING SOMEWHERE ON CHRISTMAS?
HUH? OH, NAH.
PROBABLY NOT.
UM...
IS YOUR FAMILY GONNA BE HOME ON CHRISTMAS...?

I DIDN'T SAY...
WELL...
I WAS THINKING OF COMING...
WHY? DO YOU WANNA COME AND SEE ME?
HUH?!
I CAN'T SAY I'VE GIVEN IT ANY THOUGHT...

THIS IS ABOUT SUMIYOSHI-SAN, AM I RIGHT?
YOU BROUGHT ME HERE EITHER TO DISTRACT YOURSELF OR TO COMPLAIN.
...I SUPPOSE SO.
WHY NOT? IT'S ALMOST WINTER BREAK, SO THERE AREN'T ANY STUDENT COUNCIL MEETINGS.
WHEN I WAS WITH LEIJI WE NEVER CAME TO THESE PLACES.

STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM
RRRR
THERE AREN'T ANY MORE STUDENT COUNCIL MEETINGS UNTIL THE THIRD SEMESTER, RIGHT?
C'MON, I JUST WANNA TALK TO YOU FOR A SECOND!
WHAT'S UP, IMAIZUMI?

WHEN YOU SAY... A PLACE WHERE WE CAN BE ALONE... YOU MEAN LIKE A PLACE WE CAN HAVE SEX?
DON'T PUT IT LIKE THAT!!!
BE-CAUSE..
I'M SAYING.. MAYBE IT'S ALL RIGHT, NOW—
UH... BUT YOU SAID YOU STILL WANTED TO WAIT...
.. OKAY, ALREADY!!

THAT'S HOW YOU TOLD ME YOU FELT BACK WHEN YOU TURNED ME DOWN.
EVEN WITH-OUT WORDS, WEREN'T YOU COMMUNICAT-ING FINE WITH YOUR BODIES?
HA-YEAH, THERE WAS THAT.

LEIJI USED TO TURN DOWN CONFESSIONS BEFORE THINGS GOT ANYWHERE

HE'LL NEVER BREAK OUT OF HIS ROLE AS THE ELDEST SON OF THE SUMIYOSHIS

CONFESS-ING THEIR FEELINGS, STARTING TO DATE...
PROGRESS THAT SLOW WOULD MAKE ME TOTALLY IMPATIENT, BUT...
I'M A LITTLE ENVIOUS OF PEOPLE LIKE THEM.
SIGH
THAT'D BE TOTALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR LEIJI AND I...

WOULD HE SAY HE WANTED A CLEAN SLATE...
IF WE WERE REALLY COMMUNICATING?
AAH...
A-AH...
L-LOCK.. LOCK THE DOOR...!
OHNO...
...
...MMNN...
IMAIZUMI.
OVER THERE...
CLICK
LEAN BACK AGAINST THOSE SHELVES.

WHA...
SQUEEZE
WAIT...
I HAVEN'T REALLY PREPARED MYSELF FOR THIS...
DOING THIS IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM...
AAH...
BUT...
HERE...?!
HUH?
WE'RE ALONE RIGHT NOW...
NO GOOD?
HE TOLD ME HE NEEDED SOME SPACE
HE DECIDED ON HIS OWN TO TRY TO GET INTO ANOTHER UNIVERSITY.
I DON'T SEE HOW I CAN DO ANYTHING BUT GO BACK ON IT.
DON'T GO BACK ON THAT YET.
I GUESS I MUST'VE MISUNDERSTOOD.

FOR THE TIME BEING, JUST CALM DOWN.
HOW ABOUT TALKING TO SUMIYOSHI-SAN AGAIN?
BUT YOU CUT HIM OFF BEFORE THE CONVERSATION WAS FINISHED, RIGHT?
YOU'RE RECKLESS WHEN YOU'RE ANGRY
HE LISTENED TO MY STORY AND THAT'S IT!
..
...
LISTEN TO HIM UNTIL YOU FIND OUT WHY, AND IF YOU STILL THINK IT'S OVER...
...THEN COME BACK AND TALK TO ME
SHEESH... AND I THOUGHT IT'D BE SOMETHING SERIOUS...
THEN I'LL COMFORT YOU AND LET YOU SEDUCE ME PROPERLY.
NOZE...
AND WHY WOULD HE SAY WE NEEDED SOME DISTANCE, AFTER ALL THIS TIME?
WHY'S HE CHANGING SCHOOL SYSTEMS THIS SEMESTER?
WHY WOULD SUMIYOSHI-SAN DO THIS ALL AT ONCE?

WOULD YOU MIND IF...
...I TOUCHED YOU?
SO BY "RIGHT NOW"... HE MEANS SOMEDAY WE WILL.
THEN, UM...
HOW SHOULD WE...?
UM...
ARE WE REALLY GONNA DO IT...?
I NEVER THOUGHT THIS WOULD HAPPEN, SO I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING READY.
CRAP
UH...
WE CAN'T GO QUITE THAT FAR RIGHT NOW...
GO FIGURE.
...
MM...
AH...

IF YOU'RE SAYING I IMAGINED THAT EXPRESSION,
SO GET REJECTED OUTRIGHT.
BECAUSE I WON'T BE REJECTED BY YOU A SECOND TIME.
NNG..
UNNH
...!!
MMN...
DUMMY!
I CAN'T TELL WHOSE IS WHOSE
HA HA!
MMN...
AHHN...
AHH...
NNH...
..AAH...
AGH...
AH.. OHNO WAIT...
IT'S OKAY.
I'LL CATCH IT.
DON'T BE STUPID...
GET A TISSUE...
I'M GONNA.. I'M GONNA COME. !
NNNH...
NNGH. AH!
EARLIER, YOU SAID THAT YOU MISUNDERSTOOD THINGS.
WHEN YOU SAID SUMIYOSHI-SAN HAD GIVEN YOU MORE THAN JUST WORDS ..
...I'LL NEVER FORGET YOUR EXPRESSION

...WHERE ARE YOU RIGHT NOW?
FUMIAKI-SAN.
KOTA
...YEAH?
KOZUE...!
HUFF
WHERE...
...PERSIST-ENT BASTARD
BOOP
BOOP
BOOP
WHY ARE YOU CALL-ING ME NOW ANYW-...
I HAD A DETOUR SO I'M RUNNING LATE.
ALMOST AT MY HOUSE.
RIGHT THERE

NOW, LET'S PUT THIS CONVER-SATION ON HOLD.
READY TO SING?
BIBIBEEP...
I DON'T FEEL BETTER AT ALL.
THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO MAKE ME FEEL BETTER.
STUPID NOZE.
BIBIBEEP.
BIBIBEEP.
INCOMING CALL... LEIJI
STUFF

WHY ELSE WOULD I COME LOOKING FOR YOU?
...DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT YOU LOOKED LIKE?
BACK THEN, YOU..
TORA
URIA
FWIP
AND IT ONLY HAPPENED ONCE...
THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO.
BACK THEN...?
EVEN SO!

UH... I,
UH...
...CAME TO SEE..
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE?
GOOD BYE.
YOUR MOTHER WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU, SO...
YOU WEREN'T BACK YET AND YOU HADN'T CALLED.
..AND YOU?
YOU WEREN'T WORRIED?

ON TOP OF THAT, YOU'RE LEAVING WHEN THE SCHOOL YEAR CHANGES, RIGHT?
YOU WANT TO SUSPEND YOUR SERVICES TO THE KOZUE FAMILY
THAT'S WHAT YOU TOLD MY FATHER
YEAH...
SO THEN, IT ISN'T JUST ME ..
IT'S THE KOZUE FAMILY YOU WANT TO DISTANCE YOURSELF FROM
IF I'M NOT SERVING THE KOZUE FAMILY, I CAN ADVANCE MY STUDIES
..WHAT YOU DO PLAN ON DOING?
SO, WHILE YOU'RE AWAY...
IF THE NEED AROSE
SUSPENSION MAKES IT SOUND LIKE YOU MIGHT RETURN.

I CAME TO SPEAK WITH LEIJI.
GOOD TO SEE YOU, MA'AM SORRY FOR STOPPING BY SO LATE.
IF IT ISN'T FUMIAKI-SAN! WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?
...
SIGH...

KRRR...
LEIJI, I'M COMING IN.

IT MAY BE NONSENSE, BUT THAT'S WHAT YOU REALLY MEANT, WASN'T IT?
YOU... WHAT KIND OF NONSENSE...!
WHAT...
SUH.

SORRY FOR INTERRUPTING.
KRRR
OH! YOU HAVEN'T SAT DOWN...
...AND YOUR FACE IS RED, FUMIAKI-SAN. ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
UH... YEAH, I'M FINE... THANK YOU.
I MADE SOME TEA, PLEASE HELP YOURSELF.
IF YOU INSIST

CONSIDERING ALL THOSE YEARS I'VE BEEN BY YOUR SIDE...
...I KNOW AT LEAST THAT MUCH ABOUT YOU.

ANSWER ME.
WHY?

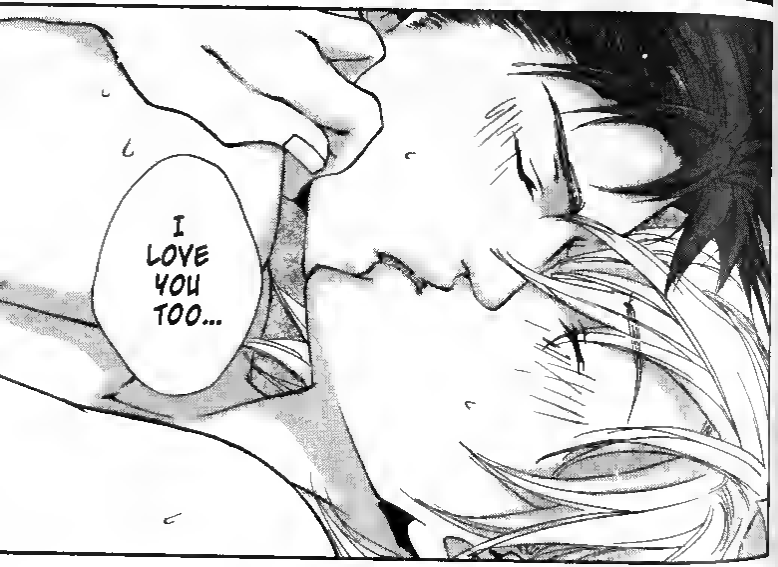
THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID, RIGHT?
"EVERY YOUNG MAIDEN WANTS TO BETTER HER POSITION."
RIGHT?

...HUH?!
I ONLY APPLIED BECAUSE OF YOUR NAGGING.
A YOUNG MAIDEN...?
WHA...?

I CAME TONIGHT TO VISIT YOU.
LATER...
...
B/M
IF I HADN'T, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE LET ME PUT SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN US.
...YOU SAID THINGS TO PISS ME OFF ON PURPOSE.
OR RATHER...
JUST SO YOU KNOW, I'M STILL MAD AT YOU FOR NOT DISCUSSING THINGS WITH ME.
OF COURSE NOT!
LEIJI, YOU THINK WAY TOO MUCH.

SIT AND HAVE SOME TEA...?
KOZUE.
SIGH
THE END

YOU FINALLY SAID IT.
SLIDE
COULD I DO THAT IF I DIDN'T LIKE YOU?
LONG BEFORE YOU TOLD ME TO DATE YOU...
I'VE LOVED YOU...
EVEN THOUGH WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR SO LONG...?
SLID
BUT I'VE ALWAYS BEEN RAISED TO SERVE THE KOZUE FAMILY.
TRYING TO OVERCOME THAT POSITION TAKES MORE COURAGE THAN YOU THINK.
MAYBE IT WAS OVER THE TOP.
SAYING THOSE THINGS TO YOU...
...DO YOU KNOW HOW HARD IT WAS?
...YOU'RE SAYING I'M THE BAD GUY HERE?
PULL
THAT HURTS
WELL?
SO SINCE I'M BARGING IN HERE WHILE YOU'RE TRYING TO SLEEP AND MAKING YOU DO YOUR 'DUTY'...
...IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK?
I'M THE ONE ASKING YOU
SO YOU WERE JUST DOING YOUR DUTY, THEN?
PRETENDING TO BE MY LOVER.
TO ME, THAT...
...WAS AN ORDER



AND IT WAS NEVER AN ORDER.

WITH JUST A WORD FROM ME, LEIJI TOOK THAT STEP.

...IS WHAT IT USED TO BE

50% CHILDHOOD FRIENDS, 40% SCHOOLMATES, AND 10% LOVERS...

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LEIJI AND I?

SO YOU LEFT THIS SCHOOL AND NOW YOU'RE RENTING A ROOM.
ARE YOU AN IDIOT?
BECAUSE WE WERE GOING TO GO TO DIFFERENT UNIVERSITIES!
AND WE COULDN'T LIVE CLOSE TO EACH OTHER!
...I'M NOT ASKING.
BUT HAVING THE ROOM BENEATH MINE MEANS WE DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT HOW LOUD WE POUND THE FLOOR!
IT WOULD'VE BEEN NICE TO GET THE ROOM NEXT TO HIS.
BUT IF YOU'RE LIVING NEAR HIM AGAIN...
...THE SITUATION HASN'T REALLY CHANGED, HAS IT?
HE WAS MORE OBLIGATED TO THE SUMIYOSHI FAMILY THAN THE KOZUE FAMILY.
SO NOW, HE CAN FINALLY CONNECT WITH THE FEELINGS HE'D PUT ON HOLD FOR SO LONG. IT'S ALL GOOD.

I HEARD THAT SUMIYOSHI-SEMPAI LEFT HIS PARENTS' HOME AND STARTED LIVING ON HIS OWN.
OH YEAH?
BUT T-DAI UNIVERSITY IS PRETTY FAR AWAY.
WELL... BECAUSE, SEE...
WHY WOULD KOZUE-SEMPAI BE THE ONE GIVING IT OUT?
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT, TOO.
BUT KOZUE-SEMPAI GAVE ME A MAP TO HIS NEW PLACE.
I'M IN THIS ONE
ROOM 200
↑
LEIJI
ROOM 300
MY CELL PHONE # IS STILL THE SAME~♥
COME OVER AND PLAY!!
...WHAT THE HECK?
...KOZUE-SEMPAI WAS SUPPOSED TO GO TO KINSEI UNIVERSITY, WASN'T HE?

MORE THAN JUST HEART, MORE THAN JUST BODY ✱END

AND BESIDES, I HAVE NO INTENTION OF LETTING LEIJI LEAVE MY SIDE. ♡
SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE HE'LL RETURN TO THE SUMIYOSHI'S, AND I'LL HAVE HIM SERVE ME.
I'LL HAVE TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO BUILD THE FOUNDATION FOR THAT TOO.
RIP
OF ALL THE...
...BUT HE HAS THE NERVE TO GIVE ME THEIR NEW ADDRESSES
...NOT ONLY DOES HE MAKE IT A POINT TO SAY HE PLANS FOR THIS TO LAST FOR-EVER...

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